

REMARKS

Summary

Claims 1-8 and 9-12 were pending and all of the claims were rejected in the present Office action. Claim 8 has been cancelled and the subject matter thereof incorporated into Claim 1.

Claim Rejections

35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claim 1, and Claims 2-8 and 10-12, dependent thereon, were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner; however, in view of the amendments made herein, the Applicant does not depend on the limitation to assert that the subject matter of Claim 1 is allowable, and has deleted the phrase that formed the basis for the rejection. The Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection is therefore moot and should be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-5, 7 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim (US 6,175,396; "Kim I") in view of Hara (US 6,661,482; "Hara") in view of Lien et al. (US 5,309,264; "Lien"), Koike et al. (US 5,745,206; "Koike"), and Kim et al. (US 6,005,650; "Kim II").

The Examiner indicated that the subject matter of Claim 8 would form the basis of an allowable claim as "it would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to align the low thermal expansion diagonal with the two securing points and the high diagonal with one securing point, absent the teaching of the present application [this limitation is not presently claimed, however.]" (Office action. Page 7, Item 10)

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 8, which has been cancelled. The amendment has effect of claiming at least the situation described by the Examiner as allowable subject matter, and Claim 1 is thus allowable.

Claims 2-7 and 10-12 are claims dependent on allowable claim and are allowable, without more.

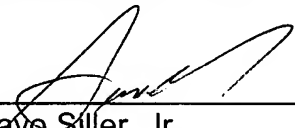
Conclusion

Claims 1-7 and 10-12 are pending

For at least the reasons given above, the Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are allowable.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned in the event that a telephone interview would expedite consideration of the application.

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